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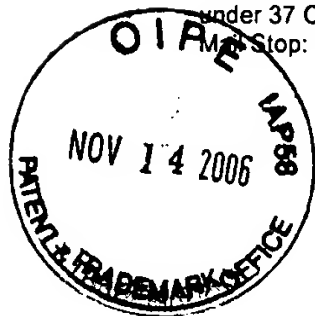
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In re Application of:

BASKIN, Dale et al.

Application No.: 09/818,086

Filed: March 26, 2001

For: METHODS OF DETERMINING
THE PRESENCE OF
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2006 ("Action"). Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.